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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 8: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

EC ACTIVITIES AT HELSINKI

EMBASSY ROME REPORTS THAT THE NINE DECIDED AT HELSINKI TO AUTHORIZE ITALY TO COORDINATE APPROACHES TO SELECTED THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT ATTEMPTS TO BAR ISRAEL AT THE UNGA. THE ITALIANS WILL PASS RELEVANT FEEDBACK THROUGH THE EC PRESIDENCY FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION BY THE MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS GROUP. IN OTHER ACTIONS:

--THE MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS WERE AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE THE RIGHTS OF ISRAEL IN THE UN, POSSIBLE FINANCIAL AID TO EGYPT, AND A FRG PROPOSAL FOR A NEW EC INITIATIVE IN THE AREA.

--THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE REQUESTED TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER EC INITIATIVES RE CYPRUS.  
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--THE DUTCH WERE AUTHORIZED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY TO TELL CHILE THAT THE NINE REGRET CHILE'S POSTPONE-MENT OF THE VISIT BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

## 2. SADAT SEEKS SECOND TERM

DESPITE SADAT'S FREQUENT PRIVATE ASSERTIONS THAT HE IS WEARY OF THE OFFICE AND INTENDS TO RETIRE ON THE EXPIRATION OF HIS PRESENT TERM, EMBASSY CAIRO REPORTS HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE ASU DRAFT SHOULD BE READ AS A FORMAL COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR A SECOND TERM NEXT OCTOBER. FACTORS PROBABLY INFLUENCING HIS DECISION WERE:

--HIS HOPES THAT HIS FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED TO A POINT WHERE HE COULD RETIRE FROM THE PUBLIC STATE WITH FULL HONORS CLEARLY WILL NOT BE FULFILLED.

--CLOSE RELATIVES AND ADVISORS HAVE LOST NO OPPORTUNITY TO URGE HIM TO AGREE TO A SECOND TERM.

--THERE ARE NO QUALIFIED SUCCESSORS ON THE HORIZON.

## 3. ARGENTINA

### A. FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER PRESSURE TO RESIGN

EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES IS BEING PRESSURED TO RESIGN BY MANY PERONISTS AND THE MILITARY CHIEFS. ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS OF HIS WANING POWER INCLUDE:

--ALTHOUGH VIGNES APPEARED TO BE PRESIDENT PERON'S PRINCIPAL CONFIDANT AND "FILTER" FOR A SHORT TIME AFTER LOPEZ REGA'S OUSTER, THAT ROLE HAS ENDED.

--VIGNES HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE NEW MINICABINET WHICH  
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APPEARS TO BE EMERGING AS THE CENTER OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY.

--A MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES HAS CHARGED VIGNES WITH FRAUD AND ILLEGAL ENRICHMENT AND CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

EMBASSY COMMENT: DESPITE THE WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT VIGNES' DAYS ARE NUMBERED, HE CANNOT YET BE COUNTED OUT. HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH MRS. PERON, AS WELL AS HIS PROVEN CAPABILITY AND POLITICAL ASTUTENESS, MAY SAVE HIM FOR SOME TIME YET.

### B. ROLE OF ARMED FORCES IN ARGENTINA

THE MILITARY AS AN INSTITUTION, DESPITE SERIOUS UNREST IN SOME ARMY COMMANDS, IS NOT AT THIS POINT PREPARED TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNING ARGENTINA. IF A SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT CRISIS CANNOT BE FOUND UNDER MRS. PERON, THEY APPEAR WILLING TO ACCEPT A CONSTITUTIONALLY SELECTED MODERATE WHO COULD TACKLE THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HOWEVER:

--SHOULD AN EXTENDED POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN THE GOA PROMISE A LENGTHY CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT AUTHORITY CRISIS, THE MILITARY COULD BE FORCED TO ACT.

--SHOULD A LEFTIST GOVERNMENT OR A NEW POLITICAL ALIGNMENT UNABLE TO CONTROL THE TERRORISTS EMERGE FROM THE CRISIS, THE MILITARY WOULD ACT.

#### 4. ZAIRE

##### A. ZAIRE SEEKS QUID QUO PRO FOR ITS ROLE AT OAU SUMMIT

PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR BISENGEMANA TOLD CHARGE WALKER THAT MOBUTU'S DECISION AT THE OAU TO OPPOSE THE ISRAEL/ UN EXPULSION RESOLUTION COMPLETELY "DISORGANIZED" THE SECRET

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CONFERENCE SINCE MOBUTU HAD BEEN THE FIRST BLACK LEADER TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL (SIC). WAXING FURTHER ON THE SUBJECT, BISE GEMANA ASSERTED:

--MOBUTU'S EARLIER DECISION TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL , BECAUSE OF ITS UNREASONABLE STANCE, DID NOT MEAN ZAIRE WOULD FOLLOW THE ARAB'S PRESENT IRRATIONAL COURSE, SINCE ISRAEL LIKE SOUTH AFRICA, SHOULD BE IN THE UN "TO HEAR WHAT WE ARE SAYING."

--WHEN OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS FOLLOWED MOBUTU'S LEAD BY OPPOSING THE RESOLUTION, QADHAFI THREATENED TO CUT OFF ALL LIBYAN AID.

--MANY AT THE CONFERENCE SUGGESTED MOBUTU ACTED BECAUSE OF AMERICAN PRESSURE AND/OR PROMISES

FINALLY, BISENGKMANA ADDED THAT HAVING INCURRED THE ARABS' FURY, ZAIRE IS UNLIKELY TO GET ANY ARAB FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP ZAIRE OUT OF ITS ECONOMIC CRISIS.

CHARGE'S COMMENT: I HAD NOT A WHIFF OF DOUBT THAT MOBUTU'S MOVE AT KAMPALA WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A NOT-TOO-SUBTLE IN-

REFERENCE THAT WE OWE HIM SOMETHING. IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER THINGS WE ARE WORKING ON WITHIN THE IMF FRAMEWORK, I SUGGEST THE SECRETARY CONSIDER SENDING A PERSONAL MESSAGE, NOT OF THANKS, BUT RATHER PRAISING MOBUTU'S CONSISTENT STATESMANSHIP" AND ZAIRE'S "RATIONAL LINE" AND CALLING FOR CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS. IT WOULD BE WORTH SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS--AND WOULD ENCOURAGE MOBUTU TO CONTINUE HIS HELPFUL LOBBYING.

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ACKNOWLEDGING THE URGENCY, PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR BISENGEMANA INFORMED CHARGE WALKER THAT HE WOULD SUBMIT TO MOBUTU ON AUGUST 2 A REQUEST TO IMF TO SEND A MISSION TO ZAIRE.

5. BAHRAIN URGENTLY SEEKS US ATTITUDE TO MIDEASTFOR  
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FOREIGN MINISTER KHALIFA HAS URGED AMBASSADOR TWINAM TO SOLICIT BY AUGUST 5 THE USG'S REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL TO END THE MIDDLE EAST FORCE JUNE 30, 1975. NOTING THAT ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO FORMALIZE A DECISION ALREADY TAKEN, KHALIFA STRESSED BAHRAIN'S DESIRE TO ACT IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH LONG-STANDING US-BAHRAINI FRIENDSHIP AND ADDED: "PLEASE DO NOT FORCE US TO ACT BARBAROUSLY LIKE THE TURKS."

6. SAUDIS MAY LOAN FRANCE 8 BILLION FRANCS

EMBASSY PARIS HAS LEARNED FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE THAT SAUDI ARABIA MAY LOAN FRANCE 8 BILLION FRANCS. WHILE THE DETAILS MAY NOT BE SETTLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, THE GOF IS CONSIDERING USING AT LEAST PART TO IMPROVE THE TERMS OF OTHER EXTERNAL BORROWINGS. THE LOAN WILL SPECIFICALLY NOT BE FOR ARMS OR ARMS FACTORIES.

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